

My name is Aristotle Theresa. I live at 1604 V St SE. I am a homeowner. I am a fifteen-minute walk from the 11th St Bridge Anacostia Park entrance. Since January 1, 2021 I have walked approximately 3.7 million steps, which is on average approximately 3.6 miles per day. I have hit my step target approximately 50% of days. I estimate on the days I walk to Anacostia Park I walk 10 miles. 2.5 miles down to the place where the BZA sign is located i.e. the pedestrian bridge and 2.5 miles back, twice a day. In that time I have lost 60 lbs. Anacostia Park has saved my life.

I started going there as a form of exercise, but it has turned into a meditative place. A place where one can disconnect from a frenetic city and connect to nature. On the West side of the path inside Anacostia Park there is not a single electrical pole or wire, with the exception of the train tracks on the West side of the path -which is rustic in its own right - on this side of the river there is nothing but trees, knolls, river banks, wildlife, and decorative lamp poles.

I don't know what these 5g towers will look like or how they will be situated. For the life of me I do not understand why it should disturb pristine land in the middle of a national park and why it cannot go some place else.

I bird watch at the Park and wonder if it will in any way impact wild life. In the case of birds, if it will impact there nesting or migratory patterns. Additionally, I just don't understand why this thing cant go some place else. Perhaps further from the river, away from the view shed and the animals' watering holes.

I seek party status hear because I am uniquely impacted compared to the general public. I know this because on my walks , which tend to happen at the same time, I see the same one or two people every day I go. The general public does not use the park the way I do. Early in the morning, when wildlife is out, and things are quiet, or even in the evening , during magic hour, when things are livelier. I recognize daily park goers. We are rare and unique.

In any event, this tower stands to be a disturbance. Why does it have to be in the view shed of the river? Where exactly will it be located compared to the tree line where notice is posted? What will this thing look like? And what, if any, will be its impact on native wild life? Are a few of the concerns I have and seek clarification from with the Commission as the application and notice do not make these things clear.